Bantams Finish Season Unbeaten United

Trinity Undefeated, United ISO Football Squad in an Informal Pose on the Field.

Dr. John H. Finley of Harvard Delivers Annual Greek Moore Lecture on "Homor" by Gordon H. Cleen

On Thursday, the first of December, a capacity audience filled the Chemistry Auditorium to hear the Moore Greek lecture on "Homor" by Dr. John B. Finley, Professor of German at Harvard University. Dr. Finley maintained the high standards which have made the Moore Greek Lectures the high points in the College Lecture Series. A word ought to be said concerning the founder of the Moore Greek Lectures, Dr. Moore, after he retired from his medical practice, devoted his talents to the furthering of interest in the classics of Greek literature. It was with this purpose in mind that he instituted the series. Dr. Finley began his lecture with an explanation of why Homer was so great a poet. He explained that all great authors appear during periods of transition. Homer was in his prime audience by mentioning Kilroy.

The Illiad and the Odyssey, a tragedy and comedy respectively, were treated by the lecturer. According to Dr. Finley, in a tragedy a goal is set which the hero cannot reach. Emotional appeal makes up its main body. Comedy sets a goal which the hero can and ultimately does reach. By an intellectual means, the hero is portrayed as a man who loves life.

Dr. Finley treated Homer as a poet in the wheel of the evolution of literature. In his process of proving this fact, Dr. Finley cited examples such as Shakespeare and even startled his audience by mentioning Kleiny. Throughout the evening, Dr. Finley saved his audience with his exacting use of an extensive vocabulary. This lecture was a fine tribute to the memory of Moore.

Limitations Must Be Considered in Study of History—G. Cooper

"Limitations of History" was the subject of a talk by Professor George Cooper, Director of the Department of History, delivered before the Newman Club on November 15.

After pointing out the importance of history in the curriculum and the variety of fields that history covers, the speaker then called attention to the limitations which must, nevertheless, be kept in mind in using history. Since we only have records, and very sparse, for about one hundredth of the total time that there has been life on this planet, we must be humble and careful about developing philosophies and generalizations from this small and unevenly documented period.

Speaking of the various meanings of the term "historical interpretation," Professor Cooper first discussed those who use history as a political and who suppress fact in the interest of faction. Since Protestantism does not stand or fall on the character and personality of Luther, or Anglicanism on the wives of Henry VIII or Roman Catholicism on the morals of the Renaissance popes, he deplored the use of history by microbes who tried to elicit religious arguments by such methods.

Discussing "interpretation" as a philosophy of the past, he questioned the validity of Marxist and Spengelian methods because they are based on vague and inadequate "cultural" records.

Professor Cooper urged students to use criticism in history, basing their judgements upon firm ideas of right and wrong. He cautioned the students against the impression of historicism and urged people to judge the past after serious study had endowed them with mature reason of criticism. He said that he believed that the attempt to borrow "corrective" methods in history had made the historians less useful socially; scientific methods should only be used in excavating and discovering material.

Imagination and principles should determine the uses to which such material is then put.

Letters to The Editor

Hillyer College Alumni Association
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

As an alumnus of Hillyer College, I was chagrined upon reading the enclosed article from the Hillyer Call-board.

If the text in this article is factual, there seems to be considerable justifi-

ation for Mr. Zeris's analysis.

I would be interested in Trinity's viewpoint regarding this "athletic" class.

Does the implication in Mr. Zeris's column indicate that the Trinity baseball team might upset Trinity's athletic status?

Perhaps adding Hillyer to your athletic slate would not add to your prestige, but surely there must have been a time when Trinity was "re-
copied" by universities ranked in tradition longer than Hillyer.

Let me list the natural assumptions which could be derived from your school's reluctance to engage us in various athletic contests.

1. The understandable feeling that you have nothing to gain and a lot to lose should your teams prove not too successful against a fledgling college.

2. Fear that if given an inch Hillyer would bite your toe off and become the bigger and better of the two schools through the relative disadvantage of successful athletic contests of Trinity by Hillyer.

3. Unjustified snobbery?

These are opinions which are bound to jump to the mind of anyone who reasons the reason for the schism is palpable.

There seems to be no legitimate reason why there couldn't exist a high spirited rivalry between the two schools. As Mr. Zeris has pointed out, the pre-eminence of our school to yours lends itself to a more enthusiastic following than the Wesleyan series.

If the bread shoulders of Trinity and Hillyer are truly an equally broad mind, there should be no objection in putting this letter on the bulletin board as an open letter to all the students.

Reply to this inquiry are earnestly requested from any of the above.

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Ivy Fills Vacant Places, Adds Ads.

The 1950 Ivy, yearbook of Trinity College, announces plans for a school-wide advertising program and a Bantam salute for informal campus shots.

Ralph Page, editor of the Ivy, also announced the appointments of Irish D. Connell as Business Manager and Lois Manzlo as Advertising Manager. Hollis Burke is the Editor-at-Large.

Plans for the book itself include a 156-page increase over last year. This additional space is devoted to a more rundown of the school's annual calendar system as well as to the new or re- events on campus.

At a meeting two weeks ago attended by Bill Van Lane, Junior editor of the "Vitals," voted against having their individual photographs included in the book.

Future publications, however, will be represented by printing individual portraits of all students, both or class portraits of these groups, to be taken early in December. The activities pictures will be taken beginning next Monday. A complete schedule appears elsewhere in this issue.

Trinity ROTC Unit To Sponsor Dance

The Air ROTC Unit of Trinity College is sponsoring a college dance at the Hotel Bond on Saturday, December 17, 1949, from 9 to 1. This will be the first of a series of dances to be presented each year by the Air ROTC and it is hoped by co-chairman Ray Snow that the students will not look upon this dance as strictly a ROTC affair but as one in which the entire college should participate.

Music for the dance will be supplied by the Bobcats. The public- tion is handled by Louis Eagan and Gene Molchan will take care of the decorations.

Highlights of the dance will be the break-o-tennis, champagne, and a picture show. Tickets may be purchased at any ROTC headquarters and in the ROTC office in Alumni Hall. The price is $2.00.

The Air ROTC wants to stress that this is an all college dance and not for ROTC members only.
Athenaeum Society Founded In 1824 Is Among Oldest Campus Activities

By John Herseth

It was back in 1824, only a few years after Trinity had been founded, that a group of undergraduates formed a club which still exists, the Athenaeum Society. The club is named for a school of literary, juridical and related subjects founded by the Roman emperor Hadrian.

The early college papers describe the organization as "a vital group in which enlightened young men discuss the important and imperious problems of the day." The group lived up to this flattering description and was one of the most important parts of the college life until 1848, when the strife which was permeating the whole nation reached the society. At that time a disgruntled faction formed the Parthenon Society, and for fifteen years the strife which was the whole nation reached the society. At that time it was the most important problem of the day. The group lived up to this flattering description and was one of the most important parts of the college life until 1848, when the strife was ending. A rather slipshod existence, coming to prominence for a few months and then dying out again. In 1940 an attempt was made to revive the club. The purpose of this editorial is to remind all Trinity men that, even though they may not be in agreement with the members of the current restriction on campus, when they are off campus and engaged in any social activity, they still represent their college. They are simply more important, they always represent themselves.

Three C's A Vous . . .

As a result of the destruction of property during the recent disturbances, the managers of all hotels in Philadelphia have announced that the Cava-

rians will be delayed all privileges in future years. Such devices as the traditional gentlemanly gesture to the boys from the South can perhaps be attributed to the high-handedness of an unexpected guest, but it is impossible to condone such actions under any circumstances.

Two years ago it was possible for a few months to get a room at any of the larger hotels in Philadelphia. Now, at least on the road and at NYC universities, however, the tradition seems to be to allow only one or two "curtain calls" to the entire company, the leads jointly, but the leads separately. Someone might find something in the "curtain calls" not necessary to play up to the actors. We've been told too recently that only one or two "curtain calls" aren't necessary to play up to the audience. There is no important group engaged in speech activities during the period from 1940 until 1928. On the other hand, the Athenaeum society was revived by a nucleus of twelve to twenty-four students, most of them studying law. Possibly the most important date in this period of the club was May, 1915, when the society took the negative side of the question of the conservation of liquor on campus has been forbidden by the adminis-

tration. People who are not in agreement with the situation, which is rather a change, are simply more important, they always represent themselves.

A Word In Edgewise

By Leonell Mitchell

In a world in which progress, timeliness, and scientific advance have come to the fore, it is often worth while to pause for a moment and cast a glance back at some of the important and impersonal problems of the past. The purpose of this editorial is to remind all Trinity men that, even though they may not be in agreement with the members of the current restriction on campus, when they are off campus and engaged in any social activity, they still represent their college. They are simply more important, they always represent themselves.

Two Days – How Important?

Classes are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, the 19th and 20th of December, with students supposed to remain on the job until their last session on Tuesday. Students are scheduling their eating and jobs so that they may take off for home on December 17. Virtually the only students who will be present at Trinity that final Monday and Tuesday will be those who have been on campus the entire semester. Those who have not been on campus the entire semester are simply more important, they always represent themselves.

Academically those two days are going to be al-

most a total loss, for it is obvious that only a fraction of the students will be on campus. For those who cannot leave because of exams or exams those two days can still be a big day. There is no restriction for most seasonal employees, especially the U.S. Post Office, want workers available that Monday.

The great majorities of American colleges have recognized this situation, and have decided to begin their vacations on the 17th, the 17th. The Trinity said the Faculty and Administration to do likewise. Academically, economically, and sensibly they have no other choice.
Eleven Trinity Men Are Inter-college WHO'S WHO

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. In the December number of the College that the names of eleven outstanding students of Trinity are published. This year's student body will appear in this year's edition of Who's Who. These students were chosen by the Who's Who committee of Trinity students, drawn from the ranks of character, scholastic and athletic ability, leadership ability, and extra-curricular activities. The list chosen from Trinity is considered to have that quality which is reflected in the approval and respect by his fellows.

The eleven men listed at the end of this column whose names will appear is WHO'S WHO in clube Robert Barrow '56, Scott Bill y '37, Jay Geiger '50, Henry Good year '56, Roger Hall '57, Robert Her bert '57, Kenneth Hrynek '56, William '51, Frank Sherman '56, James Van Loon '56, and Peter Yawn '56.

A breakdown of their activities shows these men to be deserving of this honor. Top Hall, chairman of this year's underclassman football team and president of the Mudgean, is a member of the Student Government, and editor-in-chief of the Tripod and besides being a member of the Senate and the Mudgean, is also an officer of the Beta Kappa. All three are amongst the best sportmen, especially in football, at Trinity.

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- Buffalo, N.Y.: 5-7
- Cleveland, Ohio: 10-10
- Detroit, Mich.: 13-10
- Chicago, Illinois: 16-15
- St. Louis, Mo.: 19-19
- Indianapolis, Ind.: 8-8
- Pittsburgh, Pa.: 14-75
- Baltimore, Md.: 6-0
- Washington, D.C.: 10-0
- Scranton, Pa.: 4-9
- Harrisburg, Pa.: 5-4
- Syracuse, N.Y.: 6-6

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The anti-climax to the Wes game was the battle with Tufts. They were the big winners on a wet field, and the Hilloppers were slowed down considerably. Everything they had tried worked against them. The final score was 14-0. Penalties hurt them considerably, but the Redmen still had a shot at the end. Luden to Alford resulted in the touchdown. Ho~e, also had a chance to win the game, but failed to make a big gain, so the Hilloppers back. The Redmen finally added a long pass to make the score 7-6. Luden hit the three trips men as the West try for the extra point.

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Holy Cross Opens Basketball Season
By Tom Naud
Although basketball season began in mid-November, Coach Ray Oosting had to wait until the end of the football season to begin the arduous task of choosing his starting five for the upcoming season with the Holy Cross at Worcester, Mass.

With three veteran starters in 6'4" Bob Watson, 6'2" Bill Pillett, and 6'2" Matt Curie, Oosting had added the names of Bob Jaek and Larry Hunter to the list of starters. Jaek, a junior and Colonial Alliance guard, is extremely fast and possesses an excellent driving cơ-dribbling style that should draw many fouls and "O's and A's" from the assembled crowds. He is an excellent playmaker and should be the glue which guarantees to be a well-balanced squad. Sophomore and star of last year's fine team, a fine set of and should fill the definite lack of a good height and a great deal more speed than last year's club possessed.

Within the last college scoring record set last year when he linked in 32 points against Amherst, possesses a fine one-handed jump shot which thrown from 7 feet above the ground which only Bill Pillett in Watson's running mate at forward. There is added height and a great deal of speed, that last year's club possessed.

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Both new men arc over 6 feet tall, and the average height of the starting five will be 6'3".

Other members of the squad are returning letterman Jim Braied, Tom Naud and Bill Van Lanen, and sophomores Bill Goralski, Sam Nakaso and Dave and George Smith. Coach Oosting had added the names of Bob Jaek and Larry Hunter to the list of starters. Jaek, a junior and Colonial Alliance guard, is extremely fast and possesses an excellent driving cơ-dribbling style that should draw many fouls and "O's and A's" from the assembled crowds. He is an excellent playmaker and should be the glue which guarantees to be a well-balanced squad. Sophomore and star of last year's fine team, a fine set of and should fill the definite lack of a good height and a great deal more speed than last year's club possessed.

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Down Fraternity Row

ALPHERA DELTA PHI, after a quiet week-end, is looking forward to Fri-
day's smoker and party following the basketball game. Brothers Hadlow and Sheshan couldn't wait, however, and journeyed to Skidmore. Brother Eliot arrived for the weekend (Wed-
nessday through Sunday) in time to fix the radio again. Brother Kitch-
ner went to the Bridgeport Boat and Big Company to retrieve his car
while Brother Campbell took his two heads to Avon to try the ski-trails.
Poor Ozie caught a cold. In a more serious vein, we find the entire
brotherhood concerned over an ap-
proaching fellow-late bless-ed event,
especially concerned are Brothers Cren-
well, Streetman, and Belts. Smoother
Ward returned from the mid-west
very happy to find that the insurance
premiums have been paid. Brothers
Maloy, Lally, Humphries, and Bleker
report fine goings-on in South Wind-
br, but still have failed to answer the
question of the week: "Were they or
weren't they?"

K. E.

ALPHERA CHI CHIO celebrated some-
thing or other with a nice noisy quiet
party on Saturday. It was quiet in
that most of the brethren and dates
remained in one spot—the basement,
and it noisy in that Brothers Perez,
Jenkins and Harries were present.
Brother Blair seems to be taking
advantage of several of the broth-
er's inability to move as, with par-
tiality toward noon, he did all the
dancing for the house. Graduate
Brother Fagan was present with his
bottle of two weeks. Last week, with
appropriate ceremonies, Brother Mur-
ney's long-suffering sport cost was
consumed by flames amidst the cheer-
ing of the assembled brothers and the
weeping of Des. Phi Phi Chapter is
pleased to announce the initiation of
Dad Buckingham of Manchester and the
pledging of Dwight Eames of West
Harford.

R. P. McC. M. S.

DELTtA KAPPA, EPSILON: A
recent Sunday witnessed the slow
sure return of the Dokes back to this
fine institution of higher learning af-
er a most eventful Thanksgiving holi-
day. Brother Koody was one of those
fortunate few to have witnessed the
Army-Navy game. Too bad about the
outcome, Bill. The pace at which this
brotherhood has been moving seems
to have died down considerably now
that the football season is over. We
wonder if this is common to all of the
other brotherhoods. Speaking of foot-
ball, congratulations are in order for
Brother Alberg for being elected next
year's captain of the great Trin ag-
gration and for Brother Hall for
Brother Blair's eight-to-one martinis and
grog-gation and for Brother Hall for
this year's fine job. It seems that
the new Deke cat machine is getting
the best of some of the brothers' shoes
and slippers. What about this, J. B.?
Also, John, what's this we hear about
the fraternity taking pleasure in welcoming
newly-pledged Cliff Mark and Bill Stevens, both of Hartford.

R. P. McC. M. S.

SIGMA NU. The biggest thing of
the week at Sigma Nu was the dis-
covery of Tom Head's marriage last
September to Miss Jeanne Cramer. Con-
gratulations, Tom, and the best of
luck! Trinity trouped Wesleyan again
as the Tri chapter of Sigma
Nu were hosts to the Wes chapter in
a touch football game, winning 12-8.
There was excellent officiating by Bob
Stanger who also blocked a Wes
pick at a crucial point of the game. Coach
Geiger stated after the game that
Nick Nelson is the fastest player in the East. Victor and variegated
celebrated the outcome at a beer
party and buffalo supper, and fun was had
by all. Bob Landers has an excellent
snow-ball team—too bad he chose Prexy
as a target. We leave you now with
visions of Ned Kilders' leaving the
house, saying "He right back with the
chips, boys.

F. R.

TAU ALPHIA, having returned from
the Thanksgiving season of parties,
had begun to settle down to the in-
tramural pastimes following preceding Christmas. Bill Frost, paid in
hand, has been watching the building guilt-
less team, while commutant Table is
being wardened beneath the sun-chilled
floor. "Big Boots" Palos and "Gur-
ny" Hamilton pursued several hours
participating in an attack on Pease-
 Hall, M. H. Brother Ferguson, pre-
paring for the intramural season, has
been taking set shots from his Morris
chair, and Hoot Nicholson is preparing
himself for the forthcoming ping-pong
tournament. Pledge Blank is still
smarting over his $980,860 loss. This
week we ask, eh Pete? We extend
cour best wishes to the basketball and
swimming squads for their opening

R. A. T.